

# Family Fire Drills

A home fire can become deadly in less than 3 minutes. Getting to safety quickly can save lives.


## Picture 1

- Plan and practice a fire drill at home with everyone who lives there. Start by drawing your escape map showing exits. Then pick a place outside where everyone will meet.
- Go over your plan together.
- Teach your children two things:
  1. The street name and number where you live.
  2. How to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe place outside.

- Put the escape map where everyone can see it.
- Keep exits clear, so it's easy to get out quickly.

## Picture 2

- Push the smoke alarm button to start the fire drill.
- Get out fast. **Picture 3**
- Practice getting out when people are asleep, too.
- Go to your meeting place outside.
- If there is a real fire, call 9-1-1 from outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

 **One more thing!** Children sleep very deeply. They often will sleep through the loud sound of the smoke alarm. Your children will need you to wake them up and get them outside to safety. Plan for this. Do a family fire drill at least twice a year!



Go to [www.homesafetycouncil.org/firedrill](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/firedrill) for a free step-by-step guide to planning your family fire drill.